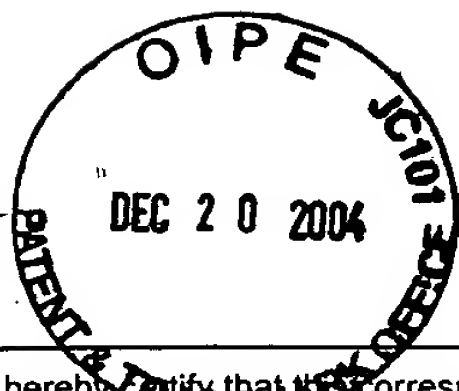



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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed June 16, 2004, Applicants submit the following amendment and remarks.